

HOUSE BILL No. 1682

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-5-2-1.2.

Synopsis: Optional full day kindergarten. Provides that the governing body of a school corporation may establish a full day, half day, or combination program for kindergarten. For a school corporation that establishes a full day kindergarten program, provides that the parent of an enrolled kindergarten student determines whether the student attends kindergarten for a full or half day.

Effective: July 1, 2001.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-5-2-1.2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 1.2. (a) Each school
3 corporation shall conduct an educational program for all children who
4 reside within the school corporation in kindergarten and in grades 1
5 through 12. ~~During the 1990-91 school year, each school corporation~~
6 ~~may provide each preschool child with a disability with an appropriate~~
7 ~~special education as required under IC 20-1-6-14.1 using local or~~
8 ~~available federal funds. Beginning with the 1991-92 school year, The~~
9 ~~following apply to a kindergarten program conducted under this~~
10 ~~section:~~

11 (1) The governing body shall determine whether to conduct
12 the kindergarten program as a full day program, a half day
13 program, or a combination full day and half day program.

14 (2) The parent of a student who is enrolled in kindergarten in
15 a school corporation that establishes a full day kindergarten
16 program shall determine whether the student will attend
17 kindergarten for a half day or a full day.



Each school corporation shall provide each preschool child with a disability with an appropriate special education as required under IC 20-1-6-14.1 only if the general assembly appropriates state funds for preschool special education.

(b) Each school corporation may:

(1) conduct an educational program for adults and children over fourteen (14) years of age not attending a program under subsection (a);

(2) provide instruction in vocational, industrial, or manual training;

(3) provide libraries for the schools of the school corporation;

(4) provide public libraries open and free for the use and benefit of the residents and taxpayers of the school corporation where permitted by law;

(5) provide vacation school and recreational programs;

(6) conduct other educational or other activities as are permitted or required to be performed by law by any school corporation; and

(7) provide a school age child care program that operates during periods when school is in session for students who are enrolled in a half-day kindergarten program.

(c) Each school corporation shall develop a written policy that provides for:

(1) the implementation of a school age child care program for children who attend kindergarten through grade 6 that, at a minimum, operates after the school day and may include periods of time before school is in session or periods when school is not otherwise in session (commonly referred to as latch key programs) and is offered by the school corporation; or

(2) the availability of the school corporation's buildings or parts of the school corporation's buildings to conduct the types of programs described in subdivision (1) by nonprofit organizations or for-profit organizations.

(d) The written policy required under subsection (c) must address compliance with certain standards for reasonable care for children served under a child care program offered under this subsection, including:

(1) requiring the offering entity to acquire a particular amount of liability insurance; and

(2) establishing maximum adult to child ratios governing the overall supervision of the children being served.

If a school corporation implements the school corporation's own child care program or enters into a contract to provide these programs, the

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1 school corporation may not assess a fee for the use of the building.
2 However, the school corporation may assess a fee to reimburse the
3 school corporation for providing security, maintenance, utilities, school
4 personnel, or other added costs directly attributable to the use of the
5 buildings for the programs. In addition, if a school corporation offers
6 the school corporation's own child care program, the school corporation
7 may assess a fee to cover the costs attributable to implementing the
8 program.
9 (e) The powers under this section shall be construed as purposes as
10 well as powers.

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